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For : DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC CIRCUIT WITH  
A VEHICLE NETWORK  
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**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, as follows:

This application is a continuation of pending prior United States patent application Serial No. 10/134,716, filed on April 29, 2002, now United States Patent No. 6,639,519, which is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 09/820,013, filed on March 28, 2001, now United States Patent No. 6,396,408, which claims priority from United States provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/196,577, filed on Mar. 31, 2000, the ~~disclosure~~disclosures of which ~~is~~are hereby incorporated herein by reference in its ~~entirety~~their entireties.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 23, as follows:

Also, a mirror-mounted microphone/digital sound-processing system 68, as disclosed in commonly assigned patent application Ser. No. 09/466,010, filed by DeLine et al., on Dec. 17, 1999, for an INTERIOR REARVIEW MIRROR SOUND-PROCESSING SYSTEM, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, may be also powered by battery 62. Preferably, sound-processing system 68 is incorporated in circuit assembly 61 and, most preferably, ~~show~~shares microcontroller 20 with garage door opener 66 and digital electrochromic mirror 18. Communication button press information 58 can be transmitted over network 34 for various uses by other electronic control units, such as activation of a rescue system 60, such as General Motors' ONSTAR™ system, a Ford Motor Company's RESCU™ system, or the like. Use of digital signal-processing and a single mirror-mounted microphone (such as is described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/396,179, filed Sep. 14, 1999, entitled INDICATOR FOR VEHICLE ACCESSORY, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein) is particularly advantageous for economical achievement of clear and error-free

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transmission from the vehicle, while operating along a highway, to a remote receiver, particularly in speech-recognition mode. This use of network 34 facilitates location of button 58 in interior mirror assembly 16.